

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO:

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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF MACROLIDES OR
CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED
HYDROXY-FATTY ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert:

-- This is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/077,231, May 26, 1998, pending, which is a 371 of PCT/EP
96/05279, Nov. 28, 1996. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2" .

Claim 4, line 1, delete ", 2 or 3" .

Claim 7, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 8, line 1, replace "in any of claims 1 to 6" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 9, line 1, delete ", 3 or 4" .

Claim 10, line 1, delete ", 3, 4 or 9".

Claim 13, line 1, replace "in any one of claims 1 to 11" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 15, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" by -- claim 12 -- .

Claim 17, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 11 or claim 13" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 18, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 11 or claim 13" by -- claim 1 -- .

Cancel claim 20.

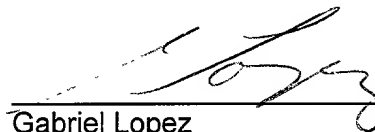
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and cancel claim 20.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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